

NORRIS STEAM RESTORATION SHOP
(Norfolk & Southern Steam Restoration Shop)
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Birmingham Industrial District
Norris Yards, E. of Ruffner Rd.
Irondale
Jefferson County
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Location: To east of Ruffner Road, northeast of Irondale,
Jefferson County Alabama.

Date of
Construction: 1952

Project
Information: This report is based upon written documentation
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DESCRIPTION

The site contains switching yards, towers and the steam restoration shop. Norfolk Southern owns a 1943 Norfolk & Western No. 1218 steam locomotive; a 1943 Chesapeake & Ohio No. 2716 locomotive and leases a 1950 Norfolk & Western No. 611 engine. These are maintained in the shop and leased for rides across the South.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In 1952 Southern Railway (now Norfolk Southern) constructed one of the first automatic switching yards in the South, naming it for Ernest Norris, a former president of Southern Railway. The yard is still in active use and includes one of only two Class A Steam Engine Restoration Shops in the nation.

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